



EMERGENCY ORDER 2022 – 1

WHEREAS, there exists a global pandemic of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”); and

WHEREAS, the pandemic has resulted in the spread of infections throughout the State of Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, Governor Ned Lamont declared a public health emergency and civil preparedness emergency throughout the State pursuant to sections 19a-131a and 28-9 of the General Statutes; and

WHEREAS, on several occasions since March 10, 2020, acting within his authority pursuant to Sections 19a-131 and 28-9 of the Connecticut General Statutes as well as Special Acts 21-2, 21-4 and 21-5 of the General Assembly, Governor Lamont renewed the declarations of public health and civil preparedness emergencies and also issued new declarations of public health and civil preparedness emergencies; and

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2021, Governor Lamont issued Executive Order No. 13A, which permits municipalities to issue orders pursuant to section 28-8a of the Connecticut General Statutes requiring masks or face coverings in indoor settings regardless of vaccination status; and

WHEREAS, the increased transmissibility of the Omicron and Delta variants and the resulting increase in COVID-19 infections in Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, based on reporting from the Connecticut Department of Public Health (“CT-DPH”), Hartford County is in the “High Transmission” category of COVID-19 and Bloomfield is now in the “red zone,” defined by CT-DPH as more than 15 positive cases per 100,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, universal indoor masking is among the best practices and prescribed measures for slowing the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, universal indoor masking is necessary to mitigate the major emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT BEING NECESSARY FOR THE PURPOSE OF MITIGATING A MAJOR EMERGENCY – I, Stanley D. Hawthorne, Town Manager of the Town of Bloomfield, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Town Charter and state and federal law, do hereby **ORDER AND DIRECT**:

1. Any person, regardless of vaccination status, in an indoor public place in Bloomfield who does not maintain a safe social distance of approximately six feet from every other person shall cover their mouth and nose with a mask or cloth face-covering, provided that nothing in this order shall require the use of a mask or cloth face covering by anyone exempt from such requirement under sections 1a or 1c of Executive Order No. 13A issued by Governor Ned Lamont. This order shall not apply to any residential dwelling.
2. Pursuant to Executive Order No. 13A issued by Governor Lamont,
 - a) Any person who fails to wear a mask or cloth-face covering as required herein, other than a person who qualifies for exemption, shall be guilty of a violation and fined one hundred dollars. An employer, rather than the employee, is liable for the fine for any employee's failure to wear a required mask or cloth-face covering while at work.
 - b) In any case in which a person is charged with a violation pursuant to this Order, the procedures set forth in Section 51-164n through 51-164r of the Connecticut General Statutes shall apply. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to limit, alter, modify, or suspend any penalties or remedies that otherwise apply to the violation of order issued pursuant to the civil preparedness and public health emergencies.

This Order shall take effect at 12 AM/PM on 01/06/22.

Dated at Bloomfield, this 5th day of January in the year 2022.



Stanley D. Hawthorne
Town Manager